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This communication responds to the Office action mailed December 27, 2006 and is filed within the one-month shortened statutory period for reply. Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3080.

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